

I am a paying subscriber to XM Satellite Delivered Radio and, as such, am very concerned that the NAB is, once again, advocating protectionism in regard to its position regarding delivery of locally oriented programming via a nationally distributed service (re. petition 04-160). The XM radio service, and the technology behind it, has been like a breath of fresh air for me and my family with unmatched variety of programming and quality of service versus the current state of terrestrial broadcast radio. The localized traffic and weather service distributed by XM has provided me the side benefit of a tremendous travel-planning resource allowing me to simply select my destination city's traffic & weather channel and immediately get an insider's update on the traffic "forecast" (special event street closures, highway construction detour info, etc), not to mention INSTANT weather for my destination...I would hate to see this wonderful service disappear. We, as individuals, have all been victims of changing technology and have been forced to change with the times; I see no reason that the terrestrial broadcasters shouldn't be required to follow suit. Free trade and competition have always brought about change for the better, and I can think of no better target for change than the outdated terrestrial broadcast service. In conclusion, I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and send a clear message to the local broadcasters that the people of this country deserve a radio service better than they currently provide.